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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown
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Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20024

Re: Docket No. AB-1086X – Pittsburgh & West Virginia Railroad – Abandonment
Exemption – Allegheny County, Pennsylvania

Dear Ms. Brown:

The enclosed document from the Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Office was received today and concerns the above-referenced abandonment docket. Please contact me if you have questions.

Respectfully submitted,



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TO EXPEDITE REVIEW USE:
BHP REFERENCE NUMBER

Re: File No. ER 2011-1998-003-B
STB Docket No. AB-1086 X:
Pittsburgh & West Virginia
Railroad Proposed
Abandonment, Pittsburgh
Allegheny County

Dear Mr. Barron:

The Bureau for Historic Preservation (the State Historic Preservation Office) has reviewed the above named project in accordance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended in 1980 and 1992, and the regulations (36 CFR Part 800) of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. These requirements include consideration of the project's potential effect upon both historic and archaeological resources.

Based on our survey files, which include both archaeological sites and standing structures, there are no National Register eligible or listed historic or archaeological properties in the area of this proposed project. Therefore, your responsibility for consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office for this project is complete. Should you become aware, from any source, that historic or archaeological properties are located at or near the project site, please notify the Bureau for Historic Preservation at (717) 783-8946.

Sincerely,

Douglas C. McLearen, Chief
Division of Archaeology &
Protection

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